

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2

No incumbent: Sen. Robert Clements is term-limited

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DEAN HELMICK, Plattsmouth, *Republican*, 63

4,501 votes; 49%

Helmick for Legislature | 9789 Otter Trail, Plattsmouth, NE 68048 | deanhelmickhsef@gmail.com | www.helmickforlegislature.com



Personal: originally from Montana; wife Pam

Education: BS, aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; MPA, University of Montana; BA, history and political science, Bellevue University; Senior Executive Fellowship at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government

Work: U.S. Air Force (retired)

Politics: former Cass County GOP Chair

CAITLIN KNUTSON, Lincoln, *Democrat*, 40

3,103 votes; 34%

Knutson for Legislature | 8120 Talbot Trail, Lincoln, NE 68506 | knutsonforlegislature@gmail.com | www.knutsonforlegislature.com



Personal: husband Josh, Lincoln Fire fighter

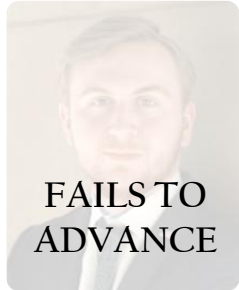
Education: Lincoln East High School (2003); BA, history, Creighton University; MA, education, Creighton University

Work: former special education teacher at Benson High School

JAYDEN L. SPEED, Nehawka, *Democrat*, 21

1,568 votes; 17%

Speed for Nebraska | 1805 Conestoga Rd., Nehawka, NE 68413 | staff@speedfornebraska.com | www.speedfornebraska.com



Education: Conestoga Public Schools (2023)

Work: political science undergraduate at George Washington University (May 2026); intern at Nebraska Trial Attorneys Association

Politics: led 2025 recall of Plattsmouth Community Schools Board of Education member

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 4

Incumbent: Sen. R. Brad von Gillern

CINDY MAXWELL-OSTDIEK, Omaha, *Nonpartisan*, 58

4,620 votes; 52%

Friends of Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek | 16626 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68118 | cindy@cindyfornebraska.com | www.cindyfornebraska.com



Personal: grew up in Iowa; lived in Omaha for over 30 years; husband Fred

Work: owns business offering financial and insurance services for banks and credit unions.

Service: president, Rank the Vote Nebraska; advisory board, Nonpartisan Nebraska; has volunteered as a Nonpartisan Election Observer through Civic Nebraska.

Politics: ran for Legislative District 4 in 2022, lost to R. Brad von Gillern, 4106 to 4564

R. BRAD VON GILLERN (I), Elkhorn, *Republican*, 65

4,240 voted; 48%

Von Gillern for Nebraska, 18370 Honeysuckle Dr., Elkhorn, NE 68022 | jandrewhoulihan@cox.net | www.vongillern4ne.com



Personal: wife Mary, retired from residential real estate; member, Lifegate Church; active in Salvation Army and Boy Scouts

Education: Burke High School (1978); BS, construction management engineering, UNL

Work: began working for Lueder Construction in 1991, acquired majority ownership in 2006; served as president/CEO until 2021 when he sold his remaining interest; currently serves as Director of Business Dev.

Legislature: Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; chair, Revenue Committee; ran for Legislative District 4 in 2022, defeated Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek, 4564 to 4106

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 6

No incumbent: Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh is term-limited

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PATRICK LEAHY, Omaha, *Nonpartisan*, 42

4,525 votes; 60%

Leahy for Nebraska | 12811 Izard St., Omaha, NE 68154 | patrick@leahyfornebraska.com | www.leahyfornebraska.com



Personal: wife Emily; three kids

Education: BS, political science, UNO (2005); MA, international relations, Creighton University (2017)

Work: CEO of First Star Recycling; Army Reserve major; field representative, U.S. Senator Ben Nelson (2007–2012)

Politics: director, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (2013–2019)

NATE OSTDIEK, Omaha, *Democrat*, 22

3,015 votes; 40%

Nate Ostdiek for Nebraska Legislature | 9380 Western Ave., Apt. 108, Omaha, NE 68114 | natefornebraska@outlook.com | www.natefornebraska.com



Education: Westside High School; BS, political science, UNO (2025)

Work: graduate student, history and government master's program, UNO

Service: Conservation Nebraska; Planned Parenthood; and the National Strategic Research Institute

Politics: supported and collected signatures for ballot initiative to protect abortion access and ballot referendum to repeal state-funded private school scholarship program

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 8

No incumbent: Sen. Megan Hunt is term-limited

TERRY BREWER, Omaha, *Nonpartisan*, 64

1,199 votes; 17%

Terry Brewer for Legislature Inc. | 1234 Military Ave., Omaha, NE 68104 | brewerfornebraska@gmail.com | www.terrybrewerfornebraska.com



Education: PhD, public administration

Work: pastor, New Covenant Church of God in Christ; former U.S. Marine; chief union steward

Politics: ran for mayor of Omaha in 2025 primary

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ERIN FEICHTINGER, Omaha, *Democrat*, 37

4,691 votes; 65%

Erin for Nebraska | 2719 N. 49th Ave., Omaha, NE 68104 | erin@erinfornebraska.com | www.erinfornebraska.com



Personal: husband, Matthew Cavanaugh, brother of Senators Machaela and John Cavanaugh

Education: Marian High School (2006); BA, special education; PhD, history, Loyola University Chicago

Work: policy director/registered lobbyist, Women's Fund of Omaha

Politics: board of governors, Metropolitan Community College (2019–2023)

JOSH LIVINGSTON, Omaha, *Democrat*, 39

1,361 votes; 19%

Livingston for Nebraska | 5119 Chicago St., Omaha, NE 68132 | info@livingstonfornebraska.com | www.livingstonfornebraska.com



Personal: wife Dana

Education: JD, Creighton University School of Law (2016)

Work: associate attorney (family law), Koenig | Dunne; deputy county attorney, Sarpy County (2018–2024)

Politics: represented group of physicians at the Nebraska Supreme Court to ensure 2024 initiative to expand abortion access would appear on ballot

CINDY JOHNSON, Omaha, *Nonpartisan*, 61

3,713 votes; 59%

Cindy Johnson For Nebraska | PO Box 541114, Omaha NE 68154 | cindy@cindyjohnsonforne.com | www.cindyjohnsonforne.com**Personal:** husband Marshall**Education:** BS, education, UNL; PhD, audiology, University of Kansas (1991)**Work:** audiologist; teacher, hearing science, UNO; former private audiology practice in Norfolk, NE; formerly audiologist at Children's Hospital**Service:** president, Nebraska Speech Language and Hearing Association**Politics:** secretary, Douglas/Sarpy County Learning Community Coordinating Council**Endorsements:** Sen. Wendy DeBoerREBECCA RENS, Bennington, *Republican*, 60

2,598 votes; 41%

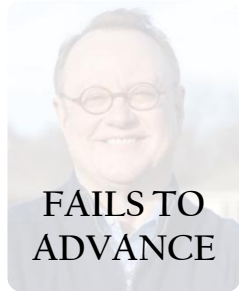
Rebecca for Nebraska | 15179 Whitmore Cir., Bennington, NE 68007 | rebecca@rebeccafornebraska.com | www.rebeccaforne.com**Personal:** originally from Iowa; husband Robert**Education:** BA, business, Dordt University (1987); MA, business, University of Sioux Falls (2016) DBA, business, Liberty University (2022)**Work:** founder, Sown Business Strategies; president, Rens Concrete, Inc. (1991–2021)**Service:** board of counselors, UNMC (2025–)**Endorsements:** recruited by Sen. Kathleen Kauth

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 12

Incumbent: Sen. Merv Riepe

THOMAS KASTRUP, Omaha, *Democrat*, 61

1,272 votes; 24%

Kastrup for Nebraska | PO Box 45176, Omaha NE 68145 | tk@kastrupforne.com | www.kastrupforne.comFAILS TO
ADVANCE**Personal:** originally from Hartington, NE; wife Stephanie, educational administrator**Education:** BA, journalism, UNL**Work:** senior vice president, Better Business Bureau (2022–); chief revenue officer, BH Media Group (2013–2018); vice president of digital sales, World Media Enterprises (2012–2013); various advertising roles, *Omaha World-Herald* (1999–2012)CHRISTY KNORR, Omaha, *Democrat*, 55

1,908 votes; 36%

Neighbors for Christy Knorr | PO Box 540331 Omaha, NE 68154 | info@christyknorr4ne.com | www.christyknorr4ne.com**Personal:** wife Jaci, died of cancer in 2020**Work:** hospice nurse**Service:** executive committee, Nebraska Coalition for GLBT Civil Rights (c. 2001)**Politics:** has testified before the Nebraska Medical Cannabis CommissionMERV RIEPE (I), Ralston, *Republican*, 83

2,091 votes; 40%

Riepe for Nebraska | 6232 S. 79th Circle, Ralston, NE 68127 | www.voteriepe.com**Personal:** wife Jody Gillispie**Education:** BS, finance, UNO (1970); MA, health policy and management, University of Iowa**Work:** Former COO and CEO at Bergan Mercy Medical Center; formerly managed a physician's group at Children's Hospital & Medical Center; Navy veteran**Legislature:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; Health and Human Services Committee; previously represented Legislative District 12 from 2015 to 2019; former chair of Health and Human Services Committee

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 14

No incumbent: Sen. John Arch is term-limited

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BILL BOWES, La Vista, *Republican*, 67

2,223 votes; 34%

Citizens for Bill Bowes | 8726 S. 98th St., La Vista, NE 68128 | bowesforlegislature2026@gmail.com | www.votebowes.com



Personal: wife Julie

Work: former fire chief, Papillion-La Vista Fire Department; former firefighter, instructor, paramedic, captain, and battalion chief, Omaha Fire Department

Service: vice president, Papillion-La Vista Optimists Club; facilitator for GriefShare; board member, Bellewood Courts Senior Living; board member, Tribe Church

JAY JACKSON, Papillion, *Republican*, 43

1,547 votes; 24%

Jay Jackson for Legislature | 903 Wicklow Rd., Papillion, NE 68046 | votejayjackson@gmail.com | www.votejayjackson.com



Personal: wife Nichole

Education: BA, Hanover College; JD, George Mason University; LLM, George Washington University Law School

Work: public finance attorney/partner, Kutak Rock; colonel, U.S. Air Force Reserves; served six tours, Middle East, U.S. Air Force

Endorsements: U.S. Rep. Don Bacon; Sen. Tom Brewer; Sen. Theresa Thibodeau; Mayor Doug Kindig (La Vista)

SUANN WITT, Papillion, *Democrat*, 72

2,784 votes; 42%

SuAnn Witt for Nebraska | PO Box 460993, Papillion, NE 68046 | suann@wittfornebraska.com | www.wittfornebraska.com



Personal: husband Robert, volunteer firefighter/paramedic

Work: former State E-rate Coordinator and Rule 89 Program, Nebraska Department of Education; managerial/support roles, Omaha Public Schools

Politics: board member, Papillion La Vista School Board (2018–), president, Papillion La Vista School Board (2025–)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 16

No incumbent: Sen. Ben Hansen is term-limited

CINDY CHATT, Tekamah, *Democrat*, 47

3,045 votes; 37%

No contact



Education: BA, marketing, St. Louis University; MA, survey research & methodology, UNL

Work: executive director, Burt County Economic Development Corporation; owner, Chatterbox Brews (Tekamah)

TED JAPP, Blair, *Republican*, 69

5,186 votes; 63%

Ted Japp for Legislature | 13514 County Rd. P30, Blair, NE 68008 | tedjapp@gmail.com | www.tedjapp.com



Personal: wife Lori

Education: Bennington High School; Peru State College; UNK; Doctor of Chiropractic, Northwestern Health Sciences

Work:

Politics: former board member, Papio-Missouri River NRD (2017–2025)

Endorsements: U.S. Rep. Adrian Smith; Sen. Ben Hansen; Sen. Mike Mines; Sen. Lydia Brasch

JESS GOLDONI, Omaha, *Democrat*, 42**2,913 votes; 43%**Jess Goldoni for Legislature | 6012 N. 102nd St., #641501, Omaha, NE 68164 | jess@jessgoldoni.com | www.jessgoldoni.com**Personal:** husband Brett, city equipment manager**Education:** BS, journalism, UNO**Work:** cofounder, Nebraska.AI, a “consulting and education firm helping companies modernize workflows, speed up teams, and stay ahead as the Midwest shifts into the AI era,” former marketer, Hauptman, O’Brien, Wolf & Lathrop**TAYLOR ROYAL**, Bennington, *Republican*, 35**2,290 votes; 34%**Taylor Royal for Legislature | 16427 Potter St., Bennington, NE 68007 | taylor@royalforlegislature.com | www.royalforlegislature.com**Personal:** wife Katie**Education:** BS, business administration, UNL; MS, accounting, tax concentration, Southern Methodist University**Work:** CPA/partner, Royal Wealth Partners, a “boutique wealth management firm” within Northwestern Mutual**Politics:** ran in the 2018 Republican primary for Nebraska State Treasurer, lost to John Murante 63, 844 to 82,667**DEREK SCHWARTZ**, Bennington, *Republican*, 39**1,619 votes; 24%**Schwartz for Nebraska | 3606 N. 156th, Ste. 101, Box 213, Omaha, NE 68116 | schwartzfornebraska@gmail.com | www.schwartzfornebraska.com**Personal:** originally from Stanton, NE; wife Jacque**Education:** Stanton High School (2005); Buena Vista University; UNL**Work:** police officer, La Vista Police Department; former event planner**CHRIS ANDERSON**, Omaha, *Republican***2,376 votes; 26%**Anderson for Nebraska | 8915 William St., Omaha, NE 68124 | andersonfornebraska@gmail.com | www.andersonforne.com**Education:** BS, economics, Indiana University; MBA, Indiana University; graduate of the United States Air Force Weapons School**Work:** retired colonel, U.S. Air Force; consultant for aerospace organizations; spent over 15 years in marketing roles at Rockwell Collins, BAE Systems, and Saab, Inc.**Service:** Defense Industry Business Council, Omaha Chamber of Commerce; National Philanthropy Council, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation**JOHN FREDRICKSON (I)**, Omaha, *Democrat*, 39**5,355 votes; 59%**Friends for John Fredrickson | 8330 Loveland Drive, Omaha, NE 68124 | amaych4@gmail.com | www.johnfornebraska.com**Personal:** husband Jeff Formanek**Education:** Skutt Catholic High School; BS, social work, New York University; Masters, Columbia University**Work:** clinical social worker**Legislature:** vice chair, Health and Human Services Committee; Transportation and Telecommunications Committee

DAN WITT, Omaha, party affiliation unknown, age unknown

1,403 votes; 15%

No contact

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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 22

No incumbent: Sen. Mike Moser is term-limited

DAWSON BRUNSWICK, Columbus, Republican, 28

4,922 votes; 100%

Brunswick for Legislature | 4155 Pinehurst Pl., Columbus, NE 68601 | dawson@brunswickforlegislature.com | www.brunswickforlegislature.com**Personal:** originally from McCook; wife Taylor**Education:** bachelors, business administration, Chadron State College**Work:** president, Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce; former president, McCook Chamber of Commerce**Politics:** non-voting student member, McCook Public Schools Board**Endorsements:** Gov. Jim Pillen; Sen. Mike Moser

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 24

Incumbent: Sen. Jana Hughes

JANA HUGHES (I), Seward, Republican, 54

5,166 votes; 75%

Jana Hughes for Legislature | 1825 Deer Run Dr., Seward, NE 68434 | janahughes89@gmail.com | www.janahughesforlegislature.com**Personal:** originally from Goehner; husband John**Education:** BS, industrial engineering, Texas A&M**Work:** former engineer, Kurt Salmon Associates and Hughes Brothers Manufacturing; fitness instructor**Politics:** former vice president, Seward Public School Board**Service:** Holy Savior Lutheran Church; Seward Jr. Women's Club (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer); board, Seward Heartfelt Inc.; Seward County Republicans; Seward Changing the Game Committee; Seward Rotary Club; Meals on Wheels.**Legislature:** vice chair, Education Committee; Natural Resources Committee

DAN WINTER, Bradshaw, Nonpartisan, 48?

1,712 votes; 25%

winterd78@yahoo.com**Personal:**Photo Not Yet
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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 26

Incumbent, Sen. George Dungan

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GEORGE DUNGAN (I), Lincoln, *Democrat*, 37

3,975 votes; 72%

George for Nebraska | 5643 Walker Ave., Lincoln, NE 68507 | george@georgefornebraska.com | www.georgefornebraska.com



Personal: wife Britta Tollefsrud

Education: BA, general studies, University of Kansas (2010); JD, American University (2013)

Work: attorney, Dungan Law LLC; former Lancaster County Deputy Public Defender

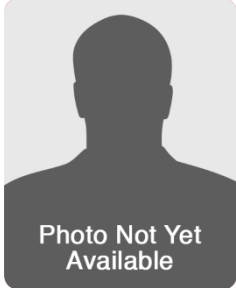
Service: Lincoln Bar Association (2020–2023); Lincoln Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee (2021–2023); Teammates Mentoring Program (2013–2018)

Legislature: Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; Revenue Committee

TOBIAS HOWARD, Lincoln, *Republican*, age unknown

1,539 votes; 28%

No contact



LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 28

No incumbent: Sen. Jane Raybould not seeking reelection

CHAD KULIG, Lincoln, *Democrat*, 42

404 votes; 7%

No contact



Personal: originally from New York

Education: Frewsburg Central High School (2002); BA, philosophy, Allegheny College (2006)

Work: general manager, Alldogs Offroad Coop; former marketer/digital strategist/product manager, Speedway Motors, Inc.

PATTY PANSING BROOKS, Lincoln, *Democrat*, 67

4,840 votes; 79%

Pansing Brooks for Legislature | 1925 Dakota St., Lincoln, NE 68502 | pattypansingbrooks@brookspanlaw.com | www.pattyfornebraska.com



Personal: husband Loel Brooks

Education: Lincoln Southeast High School (1976); BA, political science, Colorado College (1980); JD, University of Nebraska College of Law (1984)

Work: attorney, Brooks, Pansing Brooks, PC, LLO

Legislature: previously represented Legislative District 28 from 2015 to 2023

COLBY L. WOODSON, Lincoln, *Nonpartisan*, 39

846 votes; 14%

cwoodson.nol@gmail.com



Education: Lincoln High School (2005); BA, journalism, UNL (2022); Master of Community and Regional Planning, UNL (2025)

TIMOTHY GARY BENTZINGER, Hickman, Democrat, 32

No contact

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No contact



Education: Barneston High School; MSN, psychiatric/mental health nursing, UNMC (2005)
Work: owner, Reflections Behavioral Health, LLC; psychiatric nurse practitioner, Nova Health
Politics: vice president, Tri County Schools Board (elected in 2014)

CALLY IDEUS, Filley, Republican, 52**5,790 votes; 57%**Ideus For Nebraska | 10873 E. Hoyt Rd., Filley, NE 68357 | cally@ideusfornebraska.com | www.ideusfornebraska.com

Personal: husband Jerod, sergeant Nebraska National Guard
Education: Lincoln Northeast High School (1992); BS, international security/intelligence studies, Bellevue University (2015); MEd, education curriculum, Concordia University (2016)
Work: founder/president, Ideus Agency and Strategy Consulting; vice president, Region IV, Nebraska Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals; former plans and operations assistant, Nebraska National Guard

MARK SCHOENROCK, Diller, Republican, 69**4,474 votes; 61%**Schoenrock for Legislature | 70515 579th Ave., Diller, NE 68342 | mark@schoenrockforlegislature.com | www.schoenrockforlegislature.com

Personal: wife Denise
Education: Fairbury High School (1974); BS, agriculture, UNL (1978)
Work: former officer, U.S. Army; former Army civilian
Service: vice president, Blue Valley Community Action
Politics: Jefferson County Commissioner (2016–); 2023 Nebraska County Official of the year

SHAYLENE SMITH, Crete, Nonpartisan, 56**2,835 votes; 39%**Shay for Nebraska | 125 Boswell Ave., Crete, NE 68333 | shay@shayfornebraska.com | www.shayfornebraska.com

Personal: originally from Paxton; husband Michael
Education: BS, political science, Doane University (1991); JD, University of Nebraska College of Law (1994); MA, political science, UNL (1995)
Work: attorney/partner, Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices; executive director, Blue River Arts Council
Service: “wrote Crete’s economic development plan,” according to the *Lincoln Journal Star* (4 Sept. 2025)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 34

Incumbent: Sen. Loren Lippincott

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BEN BLODGETT, Central City, *Democrat*, 50

2,223 votes; 27%

No contact



Education: Central City High School (1993)

Work: formerly worked at the State Theater in Central City, which the Blodgett family owned from 1966 to 2015

ARRON KOWALSKI, Grand Island, *Republican*, 32

1,334 votes; 16%

No contact



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Education: Northwest High School (2012); BS, agribusiness, UNK (2017)

Work: farmer

Politics: ran for Nebraska Congressional District 3 in 2018 and 2020; ran for U.S. Senate, against U.S. Senator Deb Fischer, in 2024

LOREN LIPPINCOTT (I), Central City, *Republican*, 71

4,567 votes; 56%

Nebraskans for Loren Lippincott | 2611 Hwy 14, Central City, NE 68826 | loren.lippincott@gmail.com | www.lorenlippincott.com



Education: Central City Public Schools (1973); BS, broadcast journalism, UNL (1978)

Work: farmer; former Radio Disc Jockey for KBHL-FM; former Newscaster KOLN-TV; former U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighter Pilot; former U.S. Air Force Fighter Pilot Instructor; former International Captain Delta Air Lines

Service: member, Nebraska Farm Bureau; member, National Rifle Association

Legislature: Appropriations Committee; chair, Rules Committee

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 36

Incumbent: Sen. Rick Holdcroft

RICK HOLDCROFT (I), Bellevue, *Republican*, 72

2,561 votes; 47%

Rick Holdcroft for Legislature District | 13701 S. 37th Cir., Bellevue, NE 68123 | rholdcroft@cox.net | www.rickholdcroft.com



Personal: wife Mary Jo Heinen

Education: Key West High School (1972); BS, electrical engineering, UNL (1976); Naval Postgraduate School (1982)

Work: Retired U.S. naval officer and aerospace executive

Service: Knights of Columbus (Grand Knight Council, 2006-08); Bellevue Rotary Club (president, 2010-11); Nebraska Navy League; Air Force Association; USS Omaha Commissioning Committee.

Legislature: Agriculture Committee; chair, General Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee

DARIN TOMPKINS, Papillion, *Democrat*, 56

2,844 votes; 53%

Tompkins for Nebraska | 11602 S. 110th St., Papillion, NE 68046 | tompkinsfornebraska@gmail.com | www.tompkinsfornebraska.com

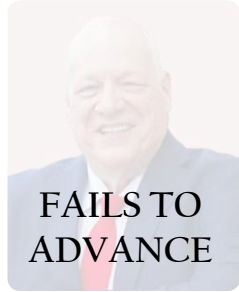
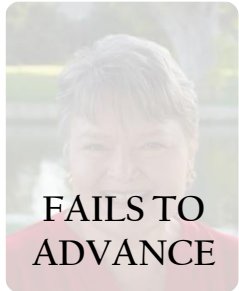
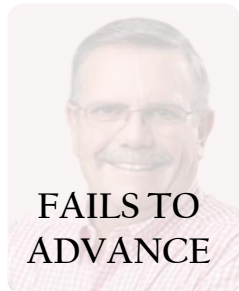


Personal: originally from South Dakota; wife Elizabeth

Education: BS, microbiology, South Dakota State University (1992)

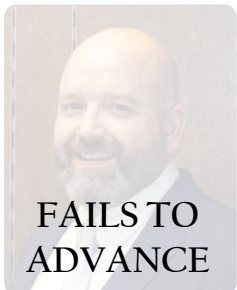
Work: Merck Animal Health

Service: Habitat for Humanity; Eagle Scouts

TIM ANDERSON, Sutton, *Republican*, 43**3,130 votes; 35%**Tim Anderson for Legislature | 1018 N. Horseshoe Ave., Sutton, NE 68979 | tim@votetimanderson.com | www.votetimanderson.com**Personal:** wife Lindsay**Education:** Clay Center High School (2001)**Service:** former volunteer firefighter**Politics:** mayor of Sutton**Endorsements:** Sen. Mark Christensen; Public Service Commissioner Eric Kamler**JANELL ANDERSON EHRKE**, Orleans, *Republican*, 63**2,792 votes; 31%**Anderson Ehrke for Legislature | PO Box 512, Orleans, NE 68966 | janell@grownebraska.org | www.janellandersonehrkeforlegislature.com**Personal:** husband Leon, farmer**Education:** BS, psychology, UNL (1987)**Work:** founder/CEO, Grow Nebraska**Service:** former member, Furnas County Economic Development Committee; former member Nebraska Cooperative Development Center**JON CAPPS**, Blue Hill, *Republican*, 71**714 votes; 8%**Capps for Nebraska | 515 N. Willson St., Blue Hill, NE 68930 | jon@joncapps.com | www.joncapps.com**FAILS TO
ADVANCE****Personal:** wife Lori**Education:** BS, computer science, University of Texas at Dallas (2001)**Work:** U.S. Army veteran; former CTO and IT systems architect leading projects for Microsoft, IBM, ExxonMobil, and Texas Instruments.***SUSPENDING CAMPAIGN DUE
TO RECENT DEATH OF WIFE*****MELANIE KNIGHT**, Clay Center, *Democrat*, 56?**1,030 votes; 11%**Melanie Knight for Nebraska Legislature 2026 | PO Box 2, Clay Center, NE 68933 | knight4neleg38@gmail.com | www.knightforlegislature.com**FAILS TO
ADVANCE****Personal:** husband John**Education:** Clay Center High School (1988); elementary education, UNO**Work:** homemaker**Service:** mentor, TeamMates**WES WILMOT**, Beaver City, *Republican*, 65**1,369; 15%**Wes Wilmot for Legislature | 42496 Hwy 89, Beaver City, NE 68926 | weswilmot38@gmail.com | www.weswilmot.com**FAILS TO
ADVANCE****Personal:** wife Kathy, regent, University of Nebraska**Education:** Wilsonville High School (1978)**Work:** farmer**Service:** EMT, Beaver City EMS**Politics:** vice chair, Furnas County Republican Party; former board member, ESU II (elected 2006)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 40*Incumbent: Sen. Barry DeKay*

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BARRY DEKAY (I), Niobrara, *Republican*, 66**9,484 votes; 100%**Rural Nebraskans for Barry DeKay | 51228 896th Rd., Niobrara, NE 68760 | bdekay@threeriver.net | No website**Personal:** wife Brenda**Education:** Lynch High School (1977); attended Wayne State College**Work:** farmer/rancher; high school basketball referee**Service:** board, Niobrara Valley Hospital Foundation (2005–); former member/chair, Nebraska Public Power District/NPPD Nuclear Committee**Legislature:** chair, Agriculture Committee; General Affairs Committee; vice chair, Natural Resources Committee**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 41***No incumbent: Sen. Fred Meyer not seeking election***JEREMY HENEGER**, Cairo, *Democrat*, age unknown**1,947 votes; 29%**henegerfornebraska@gmail.com**JOE JOHNSON**, Kearney, *Republican*, 47**2,956 votes; 45%**Johnson for Legislature | 4807 Ave. L Place, Kearney, NE 68847 | joe@johnsonforlegislature.com | www.johnsonforlegislature.com**Personal:** wife Tara**Education:** BS, political science, UNK (2002); MPA, local government emphasis, UNO (2006)**Work:** vice president of business development, Olsson; city administrator, Nebraska City (2011–2015); assistant city administrator, South Sioux City (2009–2011); city administrator, David City (2006–2009)**Endorsements:** Gov. Jim Pillen; Sen. Fred Meyer; Sen. Stan Clouse; Sen. Tom Briese; U.S. Rep. Mike Flood**JACOB W. SIKES**, Riverdale, *Republican*, 49**1,739 votes; 26%**jacob@jacobsikes.com | www.jacobsikes.com**Personal:** wife Emily**Education:** Kearney High School (1995); studied music**Work:** certified orthotist (spine specialist); former CNA**Service:** Leadership Kearney (2025); legislative committee, State Board of Health (2025–)

MIKE JACOBSON (I), North Platte, *Republican*, 72**4,833 votes; 74%**Mike Jacobson for Legislature | 3020 W. Leota, North Platte, NE 69101 | mbjacobson@charter.net | www.senatormikejacobson.com**Personal:** wife Jule Bergmeier**Education:** Sutton Public High School (1972); BS, agricultural economics, UNL (1976); Colorado Graduate School of Banking (1984); RMA Loan Management School, Columbus, Ohio, 1989**Work:** founder/CEO of NebraskaLand Bank**Service:** board, Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka; North Platte Sunrise Rotary Club; North Platte Ambassadors; board, Great Plains Health; Agriculture Builders of Nebraska, Inc.**Legislature:** chair Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; vice chair, Revenue Committee; Executive Board**SHAYLEE S. SCRANTON**, Thedford, *Nonpartisan*, 26**1,680 votes; 26%**

No contact

**Personal:****Education:** Thedford High School (2017); BFA/BS, film and media production/environmental studies, Doane University (2020)**Work:** staff, Upper Loup NRD

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 44

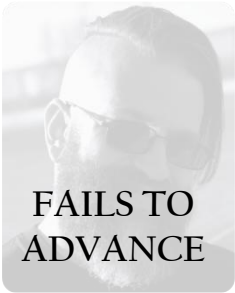
Incumbent: Sen. Teresa Ibach

TERESA IBACH (I), Kearney, *Republican***4,856 votes; 100%**Teresa Ibach for Legislature | 44670 Rd. 767, PO Box 131, Sumner, NE 68878 | donnmartha@gmail.com | www.teresaibach.com**Personal:** husband Greg Ibach, former U.S. Under Secretary of Agriculture**Education:** Sumner-Eddyville-Miller High School (1980); BS, human resources and family sciences, UNL (1984)**Work:** farmer/rancher**Service:** board, NEBRASKALand Foundation; board, Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation; board, Nebraska FFA Foundation; trustee, University of Nebraska Foundation; volunteer and teacher, Junior Achievement**Legislature:** vice chair, Agriculture Committee; Business and Labor Committee; Revenue Committee; Executive Board

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 46

Incumbent: Sen. Daniel Conrad

DANIEL CONRAD (I), Lincoln, *Democrat*, 48**2,498 votes; 100%**Conrad for Legislature | 3818 Dudley St., Lincoln, NE 68503 | katedub711@gmail.com | www.conradforlegislature.com**Personal:** husband Thomas, owns Heartland Optical**Education:** Seward High School (1995); BA, political science, UNL (2000); JD, University of Nebraska College of Law (2003)**Work:** attorney; former executive director, Nebraska ACLU; former staff attorney, Nebraska Appleseed**Service:** former board member, Legal Aid of Nebraska; former board member, Nebraska Lawyers Trust Account Foundation; former board member, Research Nebraska**Legislature:** Education Committee; Natural Resources Committee; Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee; previously represented Legislative District 46 from 2007 to 2015

BRIAN HARDIN (I), Gering, *Republican*, 60**2,864 votes; 61%**Hardin for Legislature | 2770 Clubhouse Dr., Gering, NE 69341 | hardinbd@icloud.com | www.hardin2026.com**Personal:** wife Lili**Education:** Gering High School (1984); BA, Chadron State College (1988); MDiv, Denver Seminary (1992)**Work:** Formerly worked as a police and prison chaplain and as a minister in PA. Now owns Safety Wing, a consulting firm that does strategic planning, training insurance brokers and advising state and local officials about changes caused by the Affordable Care Act and providing insurance products for the “digital nomad” sector.**Legislature:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; chair, Health and Human Services Committee; Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee**JESSICA M. LANDERS**, Scottsbluff, *Republican*, 37**875 votes; 19%**jessica.megan.landiers@gmail.com**Personal:** husband Samuel, running for Legislative District 48**Education:** BS, criminal justice, UNK (2007); JD, University of Nebraska College of Law (2015)**Work:** family law attorney; former deputy county attorney, Scotts Bluff County Attorney's Office; former police officer, Kimball**Politics:** ran for Scotts Bluff County Commission in 2022**SAMUEL C. LANDERS**, Scottsbluff, *Nonpartisan*, 36?**416 votes; 9%**sam.c.landiers@gmail.com**FAILS TO
ADVANCE****Personal:** wife Jessice, running for Legislative District 48**Education:** Scottsbluff High School (2008); AS, sports massage, Boulder College of Massage Therapy**Work:** massage therapist; former combat medic, U.S. Army**KURT ZADINA**, Mitchell, *Republican*, 66**516 votes; 11%**kzadina@mac.com**FAILS TO
ADVANCE****Education:** Superior High School (1978); BS, education, UNL (1982)**Work:** technology director, Alliance Public Schools; head basketball coach, Alliance High School; former teacher Wood River High School; former teacher, Chappell High School; legislative page (1979–1980)**Politics:** ran as delegate for the 1980 Republican National Convention; ran for ESU 6 in 1992; ran for Scotts Bluff County Clerk in 2018